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E.O. 11652: GDS
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SUBJECT: UNIFIL INTELLIGENCE INFORMATION EN ENCLAVE AREA

1. UN SOURCE HAS PROVIDED US A COPY OF INTERNAL UNIFIL
INTELLIGENCE REPORT REGARDING SITUATION IN ENCLAVE
AREA ALONG FORMER ISRAELI-LEBANON ADL. MOST INTERESTING
PORTIONS AS FOLLOWS:

(A) SHIDIAK FORCE: REPORT STATES THAT FORCE OF LT. COL SHIDIAK
ARE DEPLOYED FACING NORTH AT THE LEVEL OF
AL QAWAAH, DIBIL AND AIN EBEL. AS OF MAY 25, THERE WERE
NO MORE THAN 200 TROOPS ON THE GROUND ALTHOUGH IT IS POSSIBLE
THAT MORE ARE TRAINING IN ISRAEL. SHIDIAK HAS FIVE SHERMAN
TANKS, AND A FEW 122 MM ARTILLERY PIECES.
ACCORDING TO REPORT, STRONG POINT IS AT DIBIL WITH ONE
COMPANY AND TANK PLATOON. WEAKEST POINT IS IN THE WEST NEAR
AALMA ECH CHAAB.

(B) SELF-DEFENSE MILITIA: ON MAY 25, YOUNG MEN
FROM VILLAGES OF NAQOURA (MOSLEM SHIITE), AALMA ECH
CHAAB (MARONITE CHRISTIAN), AITA ECH CHAAB (MOSLEM SHIITE),
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AND RMAICH (MARONITE CHRISTIAN) HAVE BEEN SENT TO TRAINING
CAMP IN ISRAEL. ACCORDING TO UNIFIL, UPON RETURN THESE
MILITIA WILL RECEIVE WEAPONS AND AMMUNITION AND WOULD BE
PAID BY ISRAELIS.

(C) BINT JBAIL: NOW ONLY 30 PERCENT POPULATED, UNIFIL
CONCERNED THAT VARIOUS PALESTINIAN FACTIONS WILL ENGAGE IN

RACE TO REGAIN CONTROL OF TOWN WHICH USED TO BE PLO STRONG
POINT. ACCORDING TO UNIFIL, ISRAELIS HAVE COMPLETED
BLACK-TOPPING ROAD FROM TOWN TO ISRAEL VIA MAROUN
ER RAS WHICH WAS COMPLETELY DESTROYED. ONCE IDF WITHDRAWS
FROM BINT JBAIL AREA, UNIFIL WILL HAVE TO ASSUME MEDICAL
SUPPORT FOR TOWN. IN SOME AREAS SUCH AS BLIDA, UNIFIL WILL
HAVE TO PLAN ON PROVIDING WATER SUPPLY AS IDF HAS BEEN DOING.
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